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HEY, CHECK IT OUT! I'M LEAPING TALL BUILDINGS WITH A SINGLE BOUND!
STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE! I'VE GOTTA LOCATE A SPEEDING BULLET!

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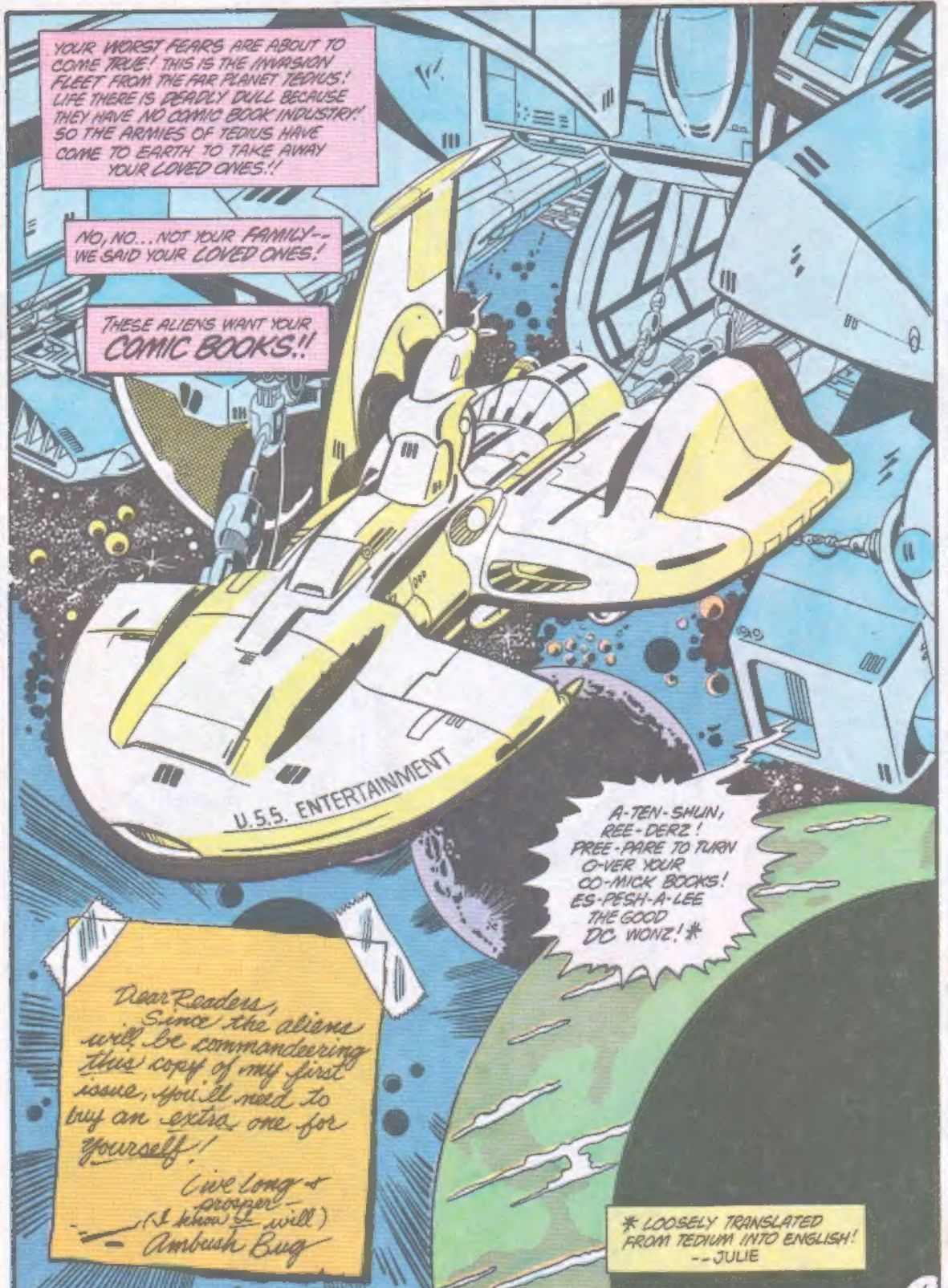
ALL IN FULL COLOR

AND WHO, IN HIS SECRET IDENTITY AS IRWIN SCHWAB, ILL-MANNERED READER OF **THE DAILY PLANET**, FIGHTS A NEVER-ENDING, FOUR-ISSUE BATTLE FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND THE ALMIGHTY BUCK.


YOUR WORST FEARS ARE ABOUT TO COME TRUE! THIS IS THE INVASION FLEET FROM THE FAR PLANET TEDIUS! LIFE THERE IS DEADLY DULL BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO COMIC BOOK INDUSTRY! SO THE ARMIES OF TEDIUS HAVE COME TO EARTH TO TAKE AWAY YOUR LOVED ONES!!
NO, NO... NOT YOUR FAMILY-- WE SAID YOUR LOVED ONES!
THESE ALIENS WANT YOUR COMIC BOOKS!!
U.S.S. ENTERTAINMENT
A-TEN-SHUN, REE-DERZ! PREE-PARE TO TURN O-VER YOUR CO-MICK BOOKS! ES-PESH-A-LEE THE GOOD DC WONZ! *
Dear Readers, Since the aliens will be commandeering this copy of my first issue, you'll need to buy an extra one for yourself! Live long & prosper (I know I will) Ambush Bug
* LOOSELY TRANSLATED FROM TEDIUM INTO ENGLISH! --JULIE
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AMBUSH BUG
CREATED BY KEITH GIFFEN
HA HA HA HA HA WIPE-OUT
I SEEN THEM, MAN! COMIN' OUTTA THE SKIES! FLYIN' SAUCERS!!
YOU SEEN A SPLASH PAGE, FOOL!
THE SWITCHBOARD AT DC COMICS WAS FLOODED THIS WEEK WITH CALLS FROM THOUSANDS OF HYSTERICAL COMIC BOOK FANS WORRIED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THEIR COLLECTIONS!
A. BUG ENTERPRISES "SUPER-HEROES OUR SPECIALTY"
THE DISTURBANCE WAS BLAMED ON THE BOGUS SPACE-INVASION SPLASH PAGE IN AMBUSH BUG #1, WHICH IS NOW COMPLETELY SOLD OUT!
THEY FELL FOR IT!
NYUCK NYUCK NYUCK
HERE WITH US IS DR. DERWOOD DENTON, FORM... THE AMBUSH BUG'S PSYCHIATRIST.
QUACK QUACK
I KNEW AMBUSH BUG BETTER THAN ANYONE. WHEN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE ASYLUM WERE DECIDING HIS CASE...
...I TOLD THEM: HE'S PSYCHOTIC, HE'S SCHIZOPHRENIC, HE'S PATHOLOGICAL. AND THEN THE BOARD VOTED HIS IMMEDIATE RELEASE!!
WOODY STOOD UP FOR ME?? THAT'S FUNNY... I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT HE HATED MY GUTS.
ESPECIALLY AFTER WHAT I DID TO HIM WITH THE FIRE HOSE!
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I'M CONVINCED THAT AMBUSH BUG HAS A MASSIVE PSYCHOSIS!
DARN RIGHT! NONE OF MY DATES EVER COMPLAIN.
RING
OH, BOY! THIS COULD BE A CASE--MAYBE THE CASE WHICH WILL MAKE ME FAMOUS AND RICH! AND I MAY NEVER HAVE TO WORK AGAIN!!!
HELLO!?
I'D LIKE TO ORDER A PIZZA TO GO.
RIN
RIGHT. COULD YOU HANG ON FOR A MINUTE?
ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'VE JUST GOTTA GET THIS PHONE FIXED.
RING
OKAY. SO YOU WANT TO HIRE A DETECTIVE? I CAN TELL THAT YOU'RE A SERIOUS MAN. I'LL TAKE YOUR CASE.
I WANT A LARGE PIZZA, NOT TOO HEAVY ON THE CHEESE; THE KIDS DON'T LIKE IT.
HONK HONK
HONK HONK
ONE WAY
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
WE'RE GOING TO TACKLE THE DEEP SIX? OKAY, I'VE GOT IT RIGHT HERE. THEY'RE THE ONES WHO FOUGHT THE NEW GODS?
OFFICIAL SUPER-HERO CODE BOOK
DEEP DISH. I SAID DEEP DISH!
HOOOOONNNNNNKKKK
BEEP
CLUDGE
KLINK LANK KLINK LONK
3

OH, YEAH. AND MUSHROOMS.
ZOOM? OH, YES, PROFESSOR ZOOM, THE REVERSE-FLASH!
KA RA A SH
YOU GOT ALL THAT?
CAN I PUT YOU ON HOLD?
THAT TINY FIGURE. SO STILL. SO LIFELESS.
IF THIS IS ONE OF THOSE DEAD BABY JOKES, I FIND IT IN VERY BAD TASTE.
HEY, LITTLE FELLA. YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE NOW. I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOU! AND YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP ME COMPANY.
IT'S AN OMEN! YOU'LL BE MY WARD AND MY PARTNER IN THE LONELY FIGHT AGAINST CRIME!
I'LL CALL YOU--
;CHOKE!
--CHEEKS, THE TOY WONDER!!
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WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
CHEEKS!
I SAID TO STICK BEHIND ME UNTIL YOU'RE MORE EXPERIENCED.
STILL, I WAS THE SAME WAY WHEN I FIRST DONNED CAPE AND COWL. BOY, WAS I GREEN.
WHAT?
NO, NOT NOW.
YOU SHOULD'VE GONE BEFORE WE LEFT.
EEE EEE EEE EEEE EEE EEE
POLICE
HERE WE GO!
OH, BOY, CHEEKS! YOUR VERY FIRST DEADLY ADVENTURE!
KOOTCHY KOOTCHY--
--KOO.
POP
PAC '81
ATTENTION, TERRORISTS IN THE WAREHOUSE!
WE HAVE YOU SURROUNDED!
THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ALL HAD UNHAPPY CHILDHOODS! WE WANT TO HELP!
OUR COURTS ARE READY TO PAMPER YOU!
STINKIN' LOUSY BLEEDING HEARTS.
SPALDING, YER SURE YA PLANTED THE TIME BOMB NEAR THE TANKS OF NERVE GAS?
SURE THING, "SPECKS." IT'S SET TA BLOW IN FIFTEEN MINUTES.
THOSE LEFT-WING LOSERS ARE GONNA BE MIGHTY SORRY THEY DIDN'T GIVE THE PREZ THE FUNDS HE WANTED.
THOSE RUSSKIES AREN'T GONNA SIT ON THEIR BUTTS WAITIN' FOR US TO CATCH UP.
I'M GOIN' TO CHECK ON THE HOSTAGE. LET ME KNOW IF THEY AGREE TO OUR FIRST DEMAND.
OKAY, SPALDING.
CONGRESS HAS LESS THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES TA APPROVE FUNDS FOR NEW NERVE GAS PRODUCTION. IF THEY DON'T, ALL OF THE OLD NERVE GAS WEAPONS ARE GOIN' TA KINGDOM COME!
ALONG WITH HALF THIS CITY!
OFFICE
YOU HAVE NO RIGHTS HERE, DEMOCRAT!
WE HOLD YOU IN SUCH UTTER CONTEMPT! WE KNOW THAT YOU VOTED FOR JIMMY CARTER IN 1976.
AND IN 1980!!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! SPALDING WILL STOP YOU!
IT WAS SPALDING'S IDEA TO TAKE YOU HOSTAGE, LEFTIST!
BUT I'M HIS DEAR OLD GRANNY.
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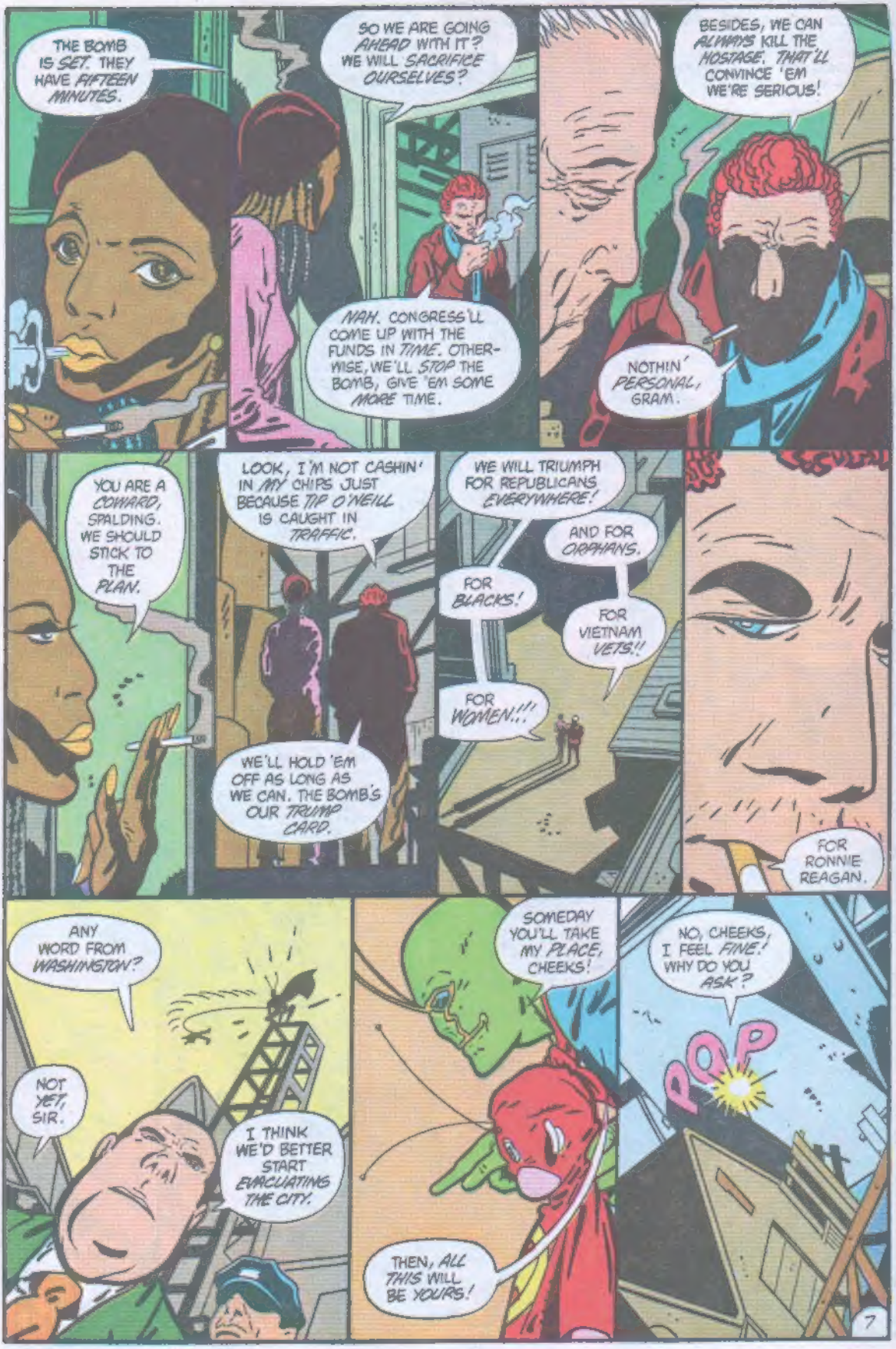
THE BOMB IS SET. THEY HAVE FIFTEEN MINUTES.
SO WE ARE GOING AHEAD WITH IT? WE WILL SACRIFICE OURSELVES?
NAH. CONGRESS'LL COME UP WITH THE FUNDS IN TIME. OTHERWISE, WE'LL STOP THE BOMB, GIVE 'EM SOME MORE TIME.
BESIDES, WE CAN ALWAYS KILL THE HOSTAGE. THAT'LL CONVINCE 'EM WE'RE SERIOUS!
NOTHIN' PERSONAL, GRAM.
YOU ARE A COWARD, SPALDING. WE SHOULD STICK TO THE PLAN.
LOOK, I'M NOT CASHIN' IN MY CHIPS JUST BECAUSE TIP O'NEILL IS CAUGHT IN TRAFFIC.
WE'LL HOLD 'EM OFF AS LONG AS WE CAN. THE BOMB'S OUR TRUMP CARD.
WE WILL TRIUMPH FOR REPUBLICANS EVERYWHERE!
AND FOR ORPHANS.
FOR BLACKS!
FOR VIETNAM VETS!!
FOR WOMEN!!!
FOR RONNIE REAGAN.
ANY WORD FROM WASHINGTON?
NOT YET, SIR.
I THINK WE'D BETTER START EVACUATING THE CITY.
SOMEDAY YOU'LL TAKE MY PLACE, CHEEKS!
THEN, ALL THIS WILL BE YOURS!
NO, CHEEKS, I FEEL FINE! WHY DO YOU ASK?
POP
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WELL, SERGEANT? HAVE YOU SPOKEN TO THE PENTAGON? HAVE YOU CONFIRMED THE STORAGE OF THE NERVE GAS?
OH, THERE'S A WAREHOUSE FULL OF NERVE GAS, ALL RIGHT. BUT I WOULDN'T WORRY IF I WAS YOU, SIR.
WHY ON EARTH NOT, MAN?
'CAUSE THEM TERRORISTS ARE HOLDIN' WARE-HOUSE ONE...
...AND THE NERVE GAS IS IN WAREHOUSE TEN. THEY OCCUPIED THE WRONG BUILDING!
10
SHHH! KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN.
NO, YOU CAN'T. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
BESIDES, HE'S A HARDENED KILLER!
OH, YOU INSIST?
THERE'S A WORD FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU, YOU KNOW.
GUTSY.
WHAT THE--?
EAT MY AMMO, YA LEFT-LEANIN', SOCIAL SECURITY-SUPPORTIN', COMMIE CODDLER!
OH, MY GOD! IT'S THE TOY WONDER!

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OOP!
HIT THE DIRT, DISSIDENT!
WHAP
YOU! YOU'RE AMBUSH BUG!
YOU'RE A DETECTIVE, AREN'T YOU?
WORSE FOR YOU, "SPECKS."
I'M A REGISTERED DEMOCRAT.
NO! DON'T HURT ME! I WAS DEPRIVED BY SOCIETY!!
THAT DOESN'T CUT ANY ICE WITH ME, PAL! I'M A SOUTHERN DEMOCRAT!!
AAAH
NO!
NOT A BOLL WEEVIL!
SPALDING, WHAT'S A BOLL WEEVIL?
IT'S A DEMOCRAT WHO ACTS LIKE A REPUBLICAN!
RUN!!
PSSST. HEY, SPAULDING.
WHO?
IT'S ME--"SPECKS."
COME CLOSER.
:GASP:
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IT'S ALL CLEAR, SPALDING NOBODY HERE BUT US DIRT-BAGS!
UGH! THE BOLL WEEVIL BEAT SPECKS" TO A PULP! I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK!
WAIT A MINUTE! THAT WASN'T "SPECKS"! I KNOW WHO IT WAS!
THE TOY WONDER!
GULP!
PANT PANT PANT PANT PANT
PANT-PANT PANT-PANT PANT-PANT PANT-PANT PANT-PANT
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PANT ?
ДДНА
THOSE EYES! SO PIERCING!! I GIVE UP!!! I CONFESS!!!!
TAKE ME AWAY TOY WONDER!
HEY! WAIT..
...JUST A DING-DONG MINUTE!
DID I SAY TOY WONDER?

I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU YOU CAN'T EVEN VOTE!
I WONDER HOW CHEEKS IS DOING?
SORT OF REMINDS ME OF MYSELF AS A YOUNG BUG
HA HA HE'S A SPUNKY LITTLE GUY HAS A LITTLE OF THE DEVIL IN HIM
CHEEKS!!
IT'S OKAY, LITTLE GUY
DADDY'S HERE!!
CHEEKS.. SPEAK TO ME!
RUSTLE YOUR STUFFING.. ANYTHING!!
NO!! IT'S WORSE THAN I FEARED!!!
NEVER SEE A 3-D MOVIE AGAIN!!
THIS MEANS WAR!
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A CRUMMY TOY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I ALMOST SURRENDERED TO A LIFELESS STUFFED DOLL!
YES, THAT'S RIGHT I WANT THE COMPLETE OUTFIT
IRWIN
GOODS
STILL... HE'LL THINK TWICE BEFORE HE TANGLES WITH ME AGAIN!
NO, NO I DON'T LIKE THE ALUMINUM. I FEEL THAT WOOD GIVES ME A BETTER GRIP.
IRWIN
GOODS
IT'S ME SPALDING! LET ME IN.
HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THE BOLL WEEVIL DISGUISING YOUR VOICE?
GLOVES? SURE, WHY NOT? AND ONE PLUG OF CHEWING TOBACCO
IRWIN
GOODS
I SWEAR IT'S REALLY ME -- HOMER SPALDING
YOUR FIRST NAME IS HOMER?
YEAH MY MOM WAS NTO GREEK MYTHOLOGY..
GREAT!!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HIT A HOMER!
12

GEE, THAT'S FUNNY.
I USUALLY GET LONGER LIFE OUT OF A SPALDING.
DID YOU HEAR THAT? WHAT WAS IT?
SOUNDED LIKE A KILLER BOLL WEEVIL TO ME
SPALDING? IS THAT YOU?
HEY STOP SCREWING AROUND!
SPALDING?
"SPECKS"?
SUPER-HERO HANDBOOK
1) NO STARCH IN THE CAPE
2) ALWAYS SNEAK AWAY FROM GORDON
3) BEFORE GOING TO EARTH-TWO CHECK WITH ROY
4) NEVER FINISH A DATE
5) EAT EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO
6) REMEMBER YOUR ORIGIN, AT LEAST ONCE AN ISSUE.
7) DON'T PULL THE MASK OFF THAT OLD LONE RANGER
8) NEVER, NEVER, EVER HIT A WOMAN
POW
WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?
A BOLL WEEVIL.
WHAT'S HE LOOK LIKE?
MOMMY?
DON'T WORRY, MA AM I'VE DEFEATED THESE REPUBLICANS
RELAX, SENIOR CITIZEN. MY PARTNER IS DEFUSING THE BOMB EVEN AS WE SPEAK
AW, NUTS I THINK I JUST BROKE RULE #8 AGAIN
EXCUSE ME. MISTER WEEVIL?
BUT THERE'S A TIME BOMB! IT'S SET TO EXPLODE IN SECONDS!!
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AND AS THE FATEFUL SECONDS TICK BY... WHAT COULD CHEEKS BE THINKING?
TICK TICK TICK TICK TICK...
KA-
BOOOOOOOM!!!*
* JULIE- I KNOW THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO SAY "KABOOOOOOM!!!"-- BUT I HAD TO LETTER IT OVERNIGHT AND I DIDN'T WANT TO WAKE UP MY WIFE SORRY. -JOHN C.
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FIVE PAGES OF INSERT FOLLOW

THE AMBUSH BUG
MERCHANDISING CATALOG
VISA
MASTERCARD
COUGH COUGH COUGH
SO
I AM PEABODY, OF PEABODY DICKER, AND PENDING
PROVE IT!
QUIET, DICKER!
AS I WAS SAYING, YOU NOW HOLD IN YOUR HANDS THE FIRST VOLUME OF THE AMBUSH BUG MERCHANDISING CATALOG, DEVELOPED BY MY COLLEAGUE, PENDING.
SAY WHAT?!?
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS MATERIAL! DIDN'T YOU GET MY MEMO??
AT ANY RATE, THE ITEMS IN THIS CATALOG WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY, SO WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU--
--SAVE YOUR MONEY FOR MICHAEL JACKSON SOUVENIRS--
--THAT YOU ORDER NOW WHILE OUR OPERATORS ARE STANDING BY
AND THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF BOTH OF MY COLLEAGUES
NOW, WAIT JUST ONE MINUTE! I DON'T REMEMBER EVER COMMITTING MYSELF TO ANY EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE..
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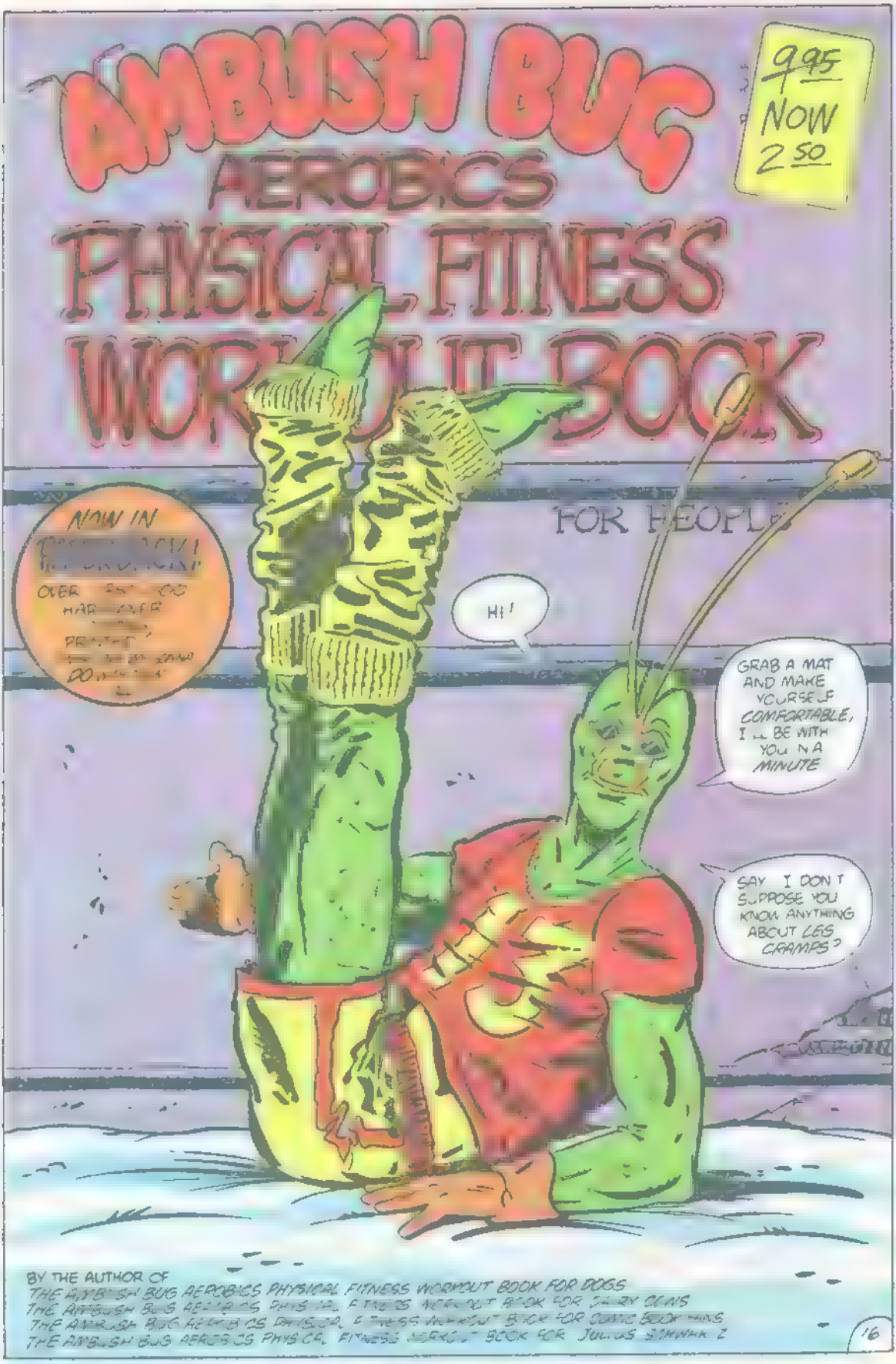
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WORKOUT BOOK
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NOW IN
FOR PEOPLE
HI!
GRAB A MAT AND MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE, I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MINUTE
SAY I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT LES CRAMPS?
BY THE AUTHOR OF
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DATA SHEET

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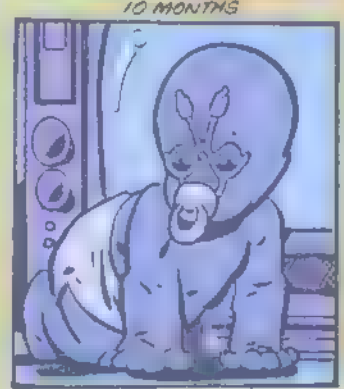
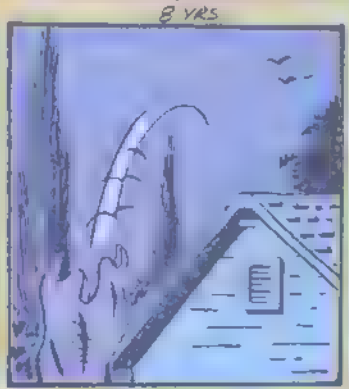
"oooohhh... I shouldn't have eaten yesterday's potato salad."



Me & Mom



Early Ambitions

My First Photo

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LATE NIGHT

By AMBUSH BUG

LITTLE BUG
GOLLY, IT LOOKS LIKE FALLOUT!
MAYBE WE'LL GET A LOT AND SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED!
FALLOUT
THE FALLOUT IS UP TO 6 INCHES. ALL SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW
OH, BOY, I CAN STAY UP LATE!
OH BUG!
ZZZZ' YES, MOM?
WHEN YOU FINISH THIS DO THE DRIVEWAY
I WISH I WAS IN SCHOOL

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SOMETIME LATER, AFTER THE FREE INSERT...
POLI
BOOK THESE THREE, DANO
Sgt FLATU
FOR DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE BOMBING OF A WAREHOUSE FULL OF BLACKTOP DRIVEWAY SEALANT.
AND FOR ASPHALTING AN OFFICER
OPOLIS
ENERAL
SPITAL
RKING
N REAR
EMERGENCY
RIGHT THIS WAY, INSPECTOR BUT IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T TALK UNTIL THE DOCTORS CAN REMOVE THE MEGAPHONE
TAKE A BATH, YOU PIECE OF FILTH!
BUS STOP
ASHES TO ASHES.
BARNES MEMORIAL CEMETERY
SOB
SAWDUST TO SAWDUST..
AMEN

DAILY PLANET
CONGRESS APPROVES NEW NERVE GAS FUNDING
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S GONE
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT HIM TO DEFUSE THAT BOMB ALL BY HIMSELF
ESPECIALLY AFTER I READ THAT WARNING LABEL SEWN ONTO HIS LITTLE FOOT...
I'M A FAILURE AS A FATHER.
". CAUTION DOLL WILL DEFUSE NO BOMB BEFORE ITS TIME"
HAPPY HOUR
REDUNDANT SELF-PITY
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT FOR ME...
UH-OH! I'M DETECTING A DISTURBANCE IN THE FORCE!
HEY, THAT'S NOT THE FORCE
WOW! IT'S THE SOURCE!
SINKY '77
DEAD HEADS SELL
HOORAY! CHEEKS DIDN'T DIE IN VAIN!
HECK NO, KID! YOU'RE GUARANTEED AN EXTRA TEN THOUSAND SALES!
HEY, YER OLE GUARDIAN ANGELS ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR YOU ;HIC;
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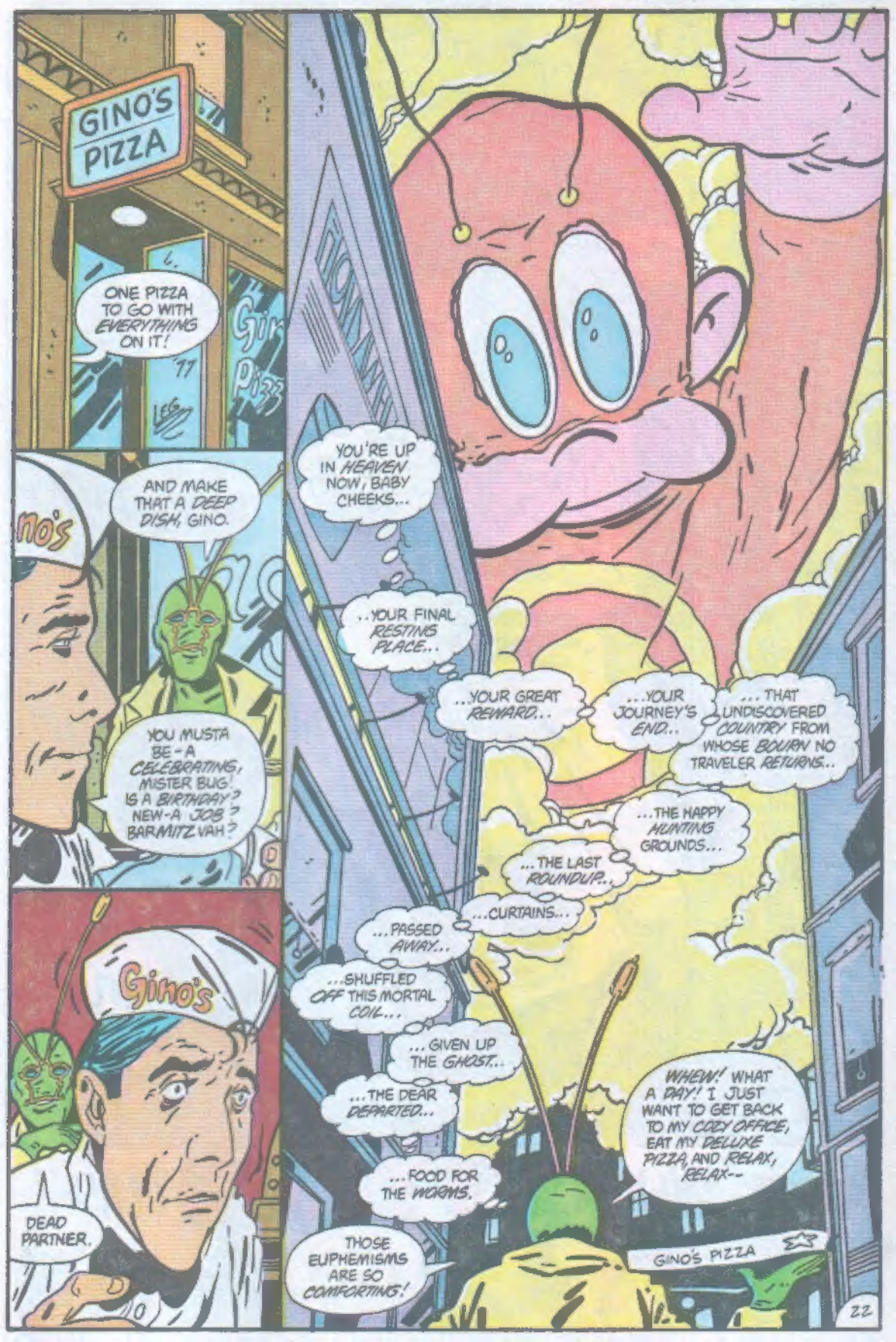
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..YOUR FINAL RESTING PLACE...
...YOUR GREAT REWARD...
...YOUR JOURNEY'S END...
... THAT UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY FROM WHOSE BOURN NO TRAVELER RETURNS...
...THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS...
...THE LAST ROUNDUP...
...CURTAINS...
...PASSED AWAY...
...SHUFFLED OFF THIS MORTAL COIL...
... GIVEN UP THE GHOST...
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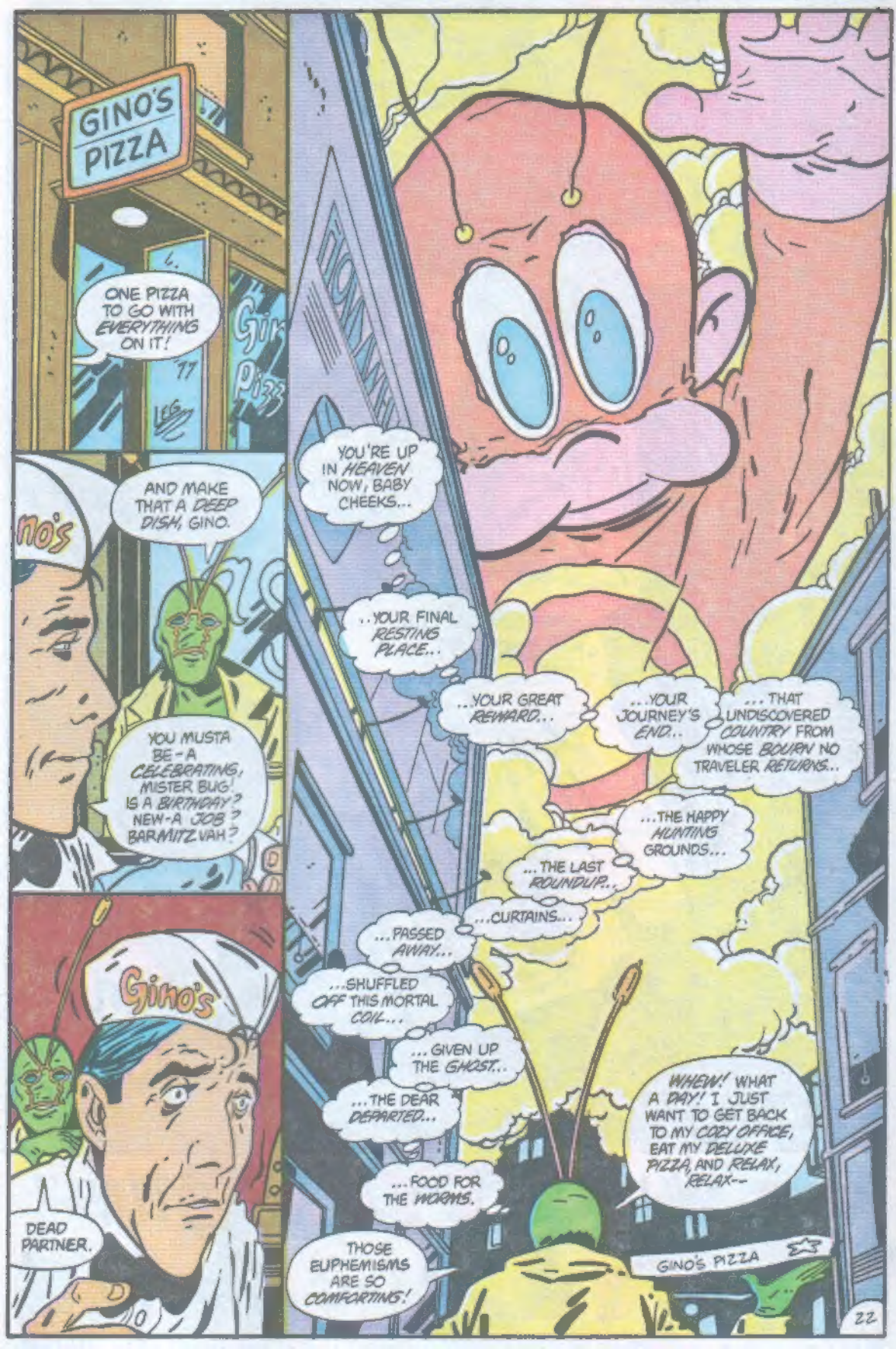
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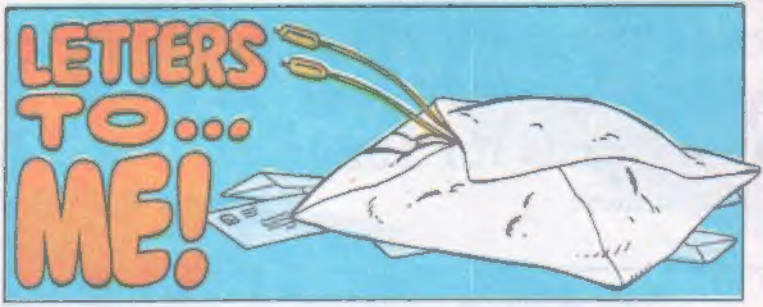

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Dear Readers:

I'm **miffed**! *Here it is, the* **first issue** *of my mini-series and I have* **yet** *to receive* **one single letter of comment** *on this issue's story, "HaHaHaHaHa Wipeout!" Don't* **tell** *me that you haven't* **read** *it, because it's* **right there in your sweaty little hands**! *So* **why** *is my mailbox* **empty**? *Could it be because you're all a bunch of* **pathetic, sycophantic**—*what?* **No**, *Julie, I was just* **asking** *them—huh? It takes* **how** *long? You're kidding! They* **do**? *You* **do**? *So what should I—oh, you already—and they—okay.* **Okay**. *Gotcha.*

Ahem. It seems that, uh, I was a little ... confused. Apparently there's some sort of **time paradox** *that delays the fan mail on a comic book. Weird. But okay, we can deal with that. In the meantime, you write down your thoughts on this issue and send them to LETTERS TO ME! care of DC COMICS INC. at the above address. And while we're waiting, Julie has solicited special Fiftieth Anniversary Fan Letters from some of the folks here at the office! This is such an* **unexpected honor** *for me that I'd like to take this moment to* **thank** *Julie for making this a* **special** *day for me and one that I'll always* **remember** *and* **celebrate** *for the rest of my* **life**.

AMBUSH BUG
December 25, 1984

Dear Bug,

I can't *tell* you how happy I am that you now have your *own comic book!* No, really! I'm *so happy* for you! A comic book *all to yourself!* Where you can do *whatever you want!* Of course, I *will* miss your occasional appearances in *my* books, but I understand that you'll be *much too busy*. So again, *congratulations!*

Most sincerely,
SUPERMAN
Fortress of Solitude
Arctic Reaches 00000

Supey, have I *got* a **surprise** *for* you! *You're not going to* **believe** *this. My series only lasts* **four issues**! *After that, I can appear in* **your** *books as often as* you **like**! *Now that I know how much you've* **missed** *me, why, I'll drop by* **all the time**! *Maybe we can even be* **best friends**!! *I'm sure Jim would understand!*

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Dglb Abrflp Btpl,
Spgltjk bgldfrp xnmrtl?

SUGAR & SPIKE
Our mommy's and
daddy's houses

No, Cheeks can **not** *come out and play. Huh? Oh, sorry. Bgldfrp* **sprkdb** *xnmrtl. Capish?*

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Dumb Ambush Bug,

Me hate your stupidest comic book! It am that good.

Insincerely,
BIZARRO #1
Box 201
Bizarro World

Wait a minute, let me get out my Bizarro/English Dictionary. Let's see grateful, grateful, grateful ... **here** *it is: KISS* **OFF**, *MORON!!*

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Woof Woof!

Woof! Woofwoofwoofwoofwoof! Woofwoofwoofwoofwoof! Woofwoofwoofwoofwoofwoofwoofwoof! Woof! Woof!

Woofwoof!
KRYPTO
Doghouse of Solitude
Times Square Station
NY, NY 10001

Hey, Supes, ya wanna call off your **dog**? **Boy** *does that get on my nerves!*

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Dear Bug,

HaHaHaHaHaHa! *HaHaHa-HaHaHa!!* HAHAHA—HOHO-HEEHEE *HAWHAWHAW-HAWHAW!!!*

gasp,
THE JOKER
Arkham Asylum
Earth-One

The man may be nuts, but he **knows** **what he likes**. *Yay, Class of '83!!*

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Dear Ambush Bug,

Thank you so much for the advance copy of the first issue in your mini-series. I must apologize for not having read it. It's not that I didn't want to, for I'm sure that I would have enjoyed it. But unfortunately, I have been dead for several years.

Eternally,
FERRO LAD
Plot #3746
Sacred Hearts Cemetery

I can accept that! Rest in **peace**, *Big Guy!*

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Dear Ambush Bug,

Your first issue was a bonafide *classic!* What an amalgam of originality! And *funny!* I broke all my furniture, I laughed so hard! This book has my vote for Best Comic Book in the Universe! I *loved* it! LOOOOV-ED IT!!!

Your biggest fan!
AMBUSH BUG
Arkham Asylum
Earth-Two

You took the words right out of my mouth!

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NEXT ISSUE: Are you ready to face "Quantis, the Koala Who Walks Like a Man"? Well, neither am I! Maybe we can get **Julie** *to do it. Also, we'll be bringing you a truly informative* **bonus** *page, "The Ambush Bug Guide to Collecting Comics," for those of you who haven't got it* **down** *yet. And as if all* **that** *isn't enough (Be realistic. You* **know** *that it is), we'll have more, better LETTERS TO ME! You'll laugh so hard, you'll break all your furniture!*